Alberta Population Report

December 21, 2004 — Third Quarter, 2004

Population Estimates

The Alberta population growth between October 1, 2003 and 2004 continues to be the highest among the provinces. As of October 1, 2004, Alberta's population was estimated to be 3,212,813. This represents a yearly increase of approximately 42,600 persons (or 1.34% growth) from October 1, 2003. Ontario and British Columbia had the next largest growth rates at 1.14% and 1.10% respectively.

The following chart shows both population estimates and growth rates of Canada and Alberta since 1998 for October 1.

TABLE 1: **National and Provincial Population & Growth Rates, October 1**

	Canada		Alberta	
Oct 1	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
1998	30,233,741		2,916,212	
1999	30,494,888	0.86%	2,967,290	1.75%
2000	30,787,468	0.96%	3,017,734	1.70%
2001	31,135,823	1.13%	3,075,186	1.90%
2002	31,463,241	1.05%	3,128,430	1.73%
2003	31,747,670	0.90%	3,170,227	1.34%
2004	32,040,292	0.92%	3,212,813	1.34%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for October 1, 2004 for all provinces and territories are provided below in Table 2. The estimated growth rates for the twelve-month period ending October 1, 2004 are also included.

Migration

For the third quarter of 2004 (July-September), Alberta had an estimated total net migration of 5,200 people (3,300 international and 1,900 interprovincial). Alberta had the second largest number of interprovincial net migrants in Canada, next to British Columbia. The origin and destination of interprovincial migrants are presented in Table 3 on the next page.

As shown in Table 3, the primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the third quarter was British Columbia, followed by Ontario and Saskatchewan. These three provinces were also the three main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta.

Natural Increase

During the third quarter of 2004, Alberta experienced a natural increase (births minus deaths) of more than 5,700 people. Between July 1 and September 30, 2004, the province had approximately 10,400 births and 4,700 deaths.

More detailed demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2: **Population of Provinces/Territories, October 1, 2004 & Growth Rates Since October 1, 2003**

	NFLD.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	YUKON	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	516,875	137,744	938,134	751,449	7,560,592	12,439,755	1,173,164	996,194	3,212,813	4,209,856	31,167	42,925	29,624
Growth Rate	0.40%	0.23%	0.11%	0.08%	0.68%	1.14%	0.87%	0.15%	1.34%	1.10%	0.94%	1.33%	1.68%

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS JULY 1, 2004 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

Origin	Destination												
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	29	570	199	42	1112	57	59	906	164	0	7	41
Prince Edward I.	42	0	207	116	42	272	9	0	171	124	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	491	91	0	682	218	2197	278	95	919	592	42	0	0
New Brunswick	242	122	932	0	540	1227	105	64	645	215	0	16	0
Quebec	37	20	261	573	0	5222	231	124	915	826	25	0	25
Ontario	1060	238	2397	1236	5512	0	1517	617	4244	4187	60	140	21
Manitoba	56	25	148	60	156	1450	0	615	1670	1125	0	37	22
Saskatchewan	38	15	88	29	85	600	760	0	2999	860	19	47	0
Alberta	642	100	659	400	725	3765	1341	2864	0	6617	97	186	42
British Columbia	187	76	564	124	821	3019	857	663	6424	0	105	127	0
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	22	11	82	9	23	85	190	0	50	0
Northwest Terr.	18	0	43	13	0	91	11	36	340	72	27	0	9
Nunavut Terr.	0	7	84	16	59	25	0	13	16	53	6	44	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	2,813	723	5,953	3,470	8,211	19,062	5,175	5,173	19,334	15,025	381	654	160
Out Migration	3,186	983	5,605	4,108	8,259	21,229	5,364	5,540	17,438	12,967	472	660	323
Net Migration	-373	-260	348	-638	-48	-2,167	-189	-367	1,896	2,058	-91	-6	-163

Source: Statistics Canada

Alberta Migration by Quarter

	Interprovincial			International						Total
	In-Migration	Out-Migration	*Net Interprovincial*	Immigration	Emigration	Non-Permanent Residents	Temporarily Abroad	Returning Emigrants	*Net International*	*Total Net Migration*
1998										
Jan - Mar	20,591	9,065	**11,526**	2,657	1,128	216	610	509	**1,644**	**13,170**
Apr - Jun	27,149	12,860	**14,289**	2,938	1,466	307	682	923	**2,020**	**16,309**
July - Sept	23,051	13,828	**9,223**	3,039	2,296	876	972	958	**1,605**	**10,828**
Oct - Dec	13,495	8,408	**5,087**	2,564	1,196	-477	682	382	**591**	**5,678**
Total	*84,286*	*44,161*	***40,125***	*11,198*	*6,086*	*922*	*2,946*	*2,772*	***5,860***	***45,985***
1999										
Jan - Mar	14,693	10,103	**4,590**	2,614	853	460	592	476	**2,105**	**6,695**
Apr - Jun	19,693	13,402	**6,291**	3,026	1,218	1,186	688	854	**3,160**	**9,451**
July - Sept	21,712	15,993	**5,719**	3,639	2,145	799	941	1,070	**2,422**	**8,141**
Oct - Dec	11,862	8,770	**3,092**	2,810	1,234	-962	697	497	**414**	**3,506**
Total	*67,960*	*48,268*	***19,692***	*12,089*	*5,450*	*1,483*	*2,918*	*2,897*	***8,101***	***27,793***
2000										
Jan - Mar	17,065	10,313	**6,752**	2,864	894	713	606	437	**2,514**	**9,266**
Apr - Jun	20,082	12,971	**7,111**	3,552	1,211	561	690	806	**3,018**	**10,129**
July - Sept	20,600	15,768	**4,832**	4,171	2,638	1,353	967	1,007	**2,926**	**7,758**
Oct - Dec	14,032	8,330	**5,702**	3,762	1,455	-856	698	404	**1,157**	**6,859**
Total	*71,779*	*47,382*	***24,397***	*14,349*	*6,198*	*1,771*	*2,961*	*2,654*	***9,615***	***34,012***
2001										
Jan - Mar	12,964	8,471	**4,493**	3,831	1,031	1,048	601	405	**3,652**	**8,145**
Apr - Jun	16,533	11,103	**5,430**	4,436	1,311	889	665	782	**4,131**	**9,561**
July - Sept	25,737	16,805	**8,932**	4,578	2,111	1,653	1,030	1,038	**4,128**	**13,060**
Oct - Dec	15,261	9,502	**5,759**	3,548	904	-749	650	503	**1,748**	**7,507**
Total	*70,495*	*45,881*	***24,614***	*16,393*	*5,357*	*2,841*	*2,946*	*2,728*	***13,659***	***38,273***
2002										
Jan - Mar	16,033	10,241	**5,792**	3,931	715	390	592	403	**3,417**	**9,209**
Apr - Jun	18,584	12,832	**5,752**	4,601	943	581	663	824	**4,400**	**10,152**
July - Sept	22,290	18,185	**4,105**	3,090	2,121	1,205	1,031	1,037	**2,180**	**6,285**
Oct - Dec	12,121	9,887	**2,234**	3,130	905	-857	650	502	**1,220**	**3,454**
Total	*69,028*	*51,145*	***17,883***	*14,752*	*4,684*	*1,319*	*2,936*	*2,766*	***11,217***	***29,100***
2003										
Jan - Mar	14,036	11,453	**2,583**	3,102	713	657	589	403	**2,860**	**5,443**
Apr - Jun	16,180	13,199	**2,981**	4,297	945	335	663	823	**3,847**	**6,828**
July - Sept	22,070	18,948	**3,122**	4,576	2,146	289	1,035	1,037	**2,721**	**5,843**
Oct - Dec	12,969	11,168	**1,801**	3,864	908	-329	649	502	**2,480**	**4,281**
Total	*65,255*	*54,768*	***10,487***	*15,839*	*4,712*	*952*	*2,936*	*2,765*	***11,908***	***22,395***
2004										
Jan - Mar	16,834	13,306	**3,528**	4,069	710	387	588	402	**3,560**	**7,088**
Apr - Jun	20,172	17,721	**2,451**	4,562	949	196	663	823	**3,969**	**6,420**
July - Sept	19,334	17,438	**1,896**	4,525	2,227	980	1,035	1,037	**3,280**	**5,176**
Oct - Dec	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	**n/a**
Total	*56,340*	*48,465*	***7,875***	*13,156*	*3,886*	*1,563*	*2,286*	*2,262*	***10,809***	***18,684***

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